

State	Total (in MMSCMD)
Uttar Pradesh	17.09
Andhra Pradesh	6.19
Tamil Nadu	2.74
Tripura	1.40
Assam	5.78
Delhi	4.76
Pondicherry	0.25
TOTAL	91.48

Overseas study visit for prevention of adulteration

2994. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint team of senior officers of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas was sent to Australia and Malaysia sometime in 2002-03 to study the enforcement system which the oil companies in those countries had adopted to prevent the adulteration of petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, the details of findings of the team after the visit; and

(c) what decision Government have taken on the recommendations made by the above mentioned team, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In 2002, a delegation led by the then Director General, Anti-Adulteration Cell (AAC) led a delegation to Australia and Malaysia to study the enforcement systems and industry practices to prevent adulteration of Petrol and Diesel in those countries. The principal recommendation of the delegation was a to introduce marker in all potential adulterants all over the country in a phased manner. It was also recommended that since PDS kerosene is subsidized and large quantities of it are reportedly being siphoned out from the distribution system for adulteration of Petrol/Diesel, immediate implementation of marketing PDS kerosene be done in consultation with Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs).

(c) Public Sector OMCs have introduced marker in kerosene with effect from 01.10.2006 all over the country. Under the system, marker is being put in kerosene in all supply locations depots/terminals. The system heralds the introduction of a world-class technology to curb and eventually eliminate the menace of adulteration of transportation fuels along the supply chain. Through this measures, adulteration even with very small quantities of kerosene can be detected.

Checking of adulteration is a continuous process and this Ministry has been reviewing steps taken to curb adulteration from time to time. The Government/Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have taken the following other steps to contain the menace of adulteration:—

- (i) Under the Control Orders issued by the Government to prevent fuel adulteration, under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, State Governments are empowered to take action against those indulging in adulteration. Government have requested the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to take steps to control adulteration.
- (ii) OMCs undertake regular and surprise inspections of Retail Outlets and also take action under Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG) and Dealership Agreements against those indulging in adulteration and malpractices. MDG provide for termination of dealership in cases of adulteration being established.
- (iii) Government has taken the initiatives to expedite the installation of Global Positioning System (GPS) to monitor the movement of tank trucks.
- (iv) OMCs have introduced new tamper proof tank-truck locking systems to prevent-en-route adulteration by transporters.
- (v) Keeping in view the misuse/diversion of SKO for adulteration, the import of SKO by private parties has been canalized through OMCs.
- (vi) As advised by the Government, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have created a separate wing to report to a Director other than Director (Marketing), which will oversee and monitor all activities and operations to curb adulteration and specify norms and guidelines in this regard.

In order to check adulteration, the Government has recently taken a number of new initiatives which given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Steps taken to check adulteration of petrol/diesel and streamlining PDS kerosene distribution

Checking of adulteration is a continuous process and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has been reviewing steps taken to curb adulteration from time to time. In the process, several technological and institutional measures have been taken recently to contain adulteration. The recent steps taken by the Ministry are summarized below:

1. Automation of Retail Outlets: In order to monitor the activities at retail outlets by adopting the latest technological improvements, automation of retail outlets is being implemented, MOP&NG has directed the oil marketing companies (OMCs) to complete automation of retail outlets selling more than 200 KL per month by March, 2007.

2. Third Party Certification of Retail Outlets: OMCs have been directed to complete third party certification of all the retail outlets selling more than 100 KL per month by March, 2007.

3. Monitoring of movement of Tank Trucks through Global Positioning System (GPS): In order to prevent adulteration during transportation, OMCs have been directed to install GPS to complete monitoring of the movement of all the company owned/dealer owned/contractor owned tank trucks by March, 2007.

4. Jan Kerosene Pariyojana: To streamline to PDS Kerosene distribution system and contain diversion of kerosene for adulteration and other unauthorized usages, Jan Kerosene, Pariyojana (JKP) has been launched initially for 6 months on a pilot basis in 414 blocks with effect from 2.10.2005. The Pilot scheme has been extended upto 30.06.2007.

5. Smart Card Scheme: With the objective of ensuring that the benefit of the subsidy reaches the targeted consumers in an efficient and cost-effective manner and to prevent any leakages, this Ministry is considering introduction of Smart Card System for distribution of PDS kerosene. The scheme is proposed to be introduced initially on an experimental basis in

three districts-Latur in Maharashtra, Nalanda in Bihar and Nainital in Uttaranchal in 2007. In the Pilot project, subsidized kerosene through Smart Card is proposed to be available to BMP families while all other ration card holders would be given non-subsidized kerosene. An independent agency will be engaged to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) would ensure adequate availability of PDS as well as non-subsidized kerosene during the entire period of implementation of the Pilot.

New oil refinery at Bikaner

†2995. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan to set up an oil refinery in Bikaner, Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, by when the work thereon will begin together with the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to set up an oil refinery in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Conservation and Illuminations of 15 historic monuments

2996. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to conserve and illuminate 15 historical monuments of the capital in view of ensuing Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) if so, what will happen when there will be no power supply which is also a character of the capital supply, then how the inherent historic culture of the capital city will be placed before the tourists/public; and

(c) whether any financial allocation had been made to meet the expected amount of power bill?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKASONI): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.